



**Sunday January 28th
One Worship Service
Together
@ 10:00 AM**



**Chili / Soup Cook-Off
and
Pie Baking Contest**



**Sign Up
in Narthex**



St. Paul Lutheran Church & Preschool

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30AM & 10AM

In-Person or Live Stream @ www.stpaulamherst.com

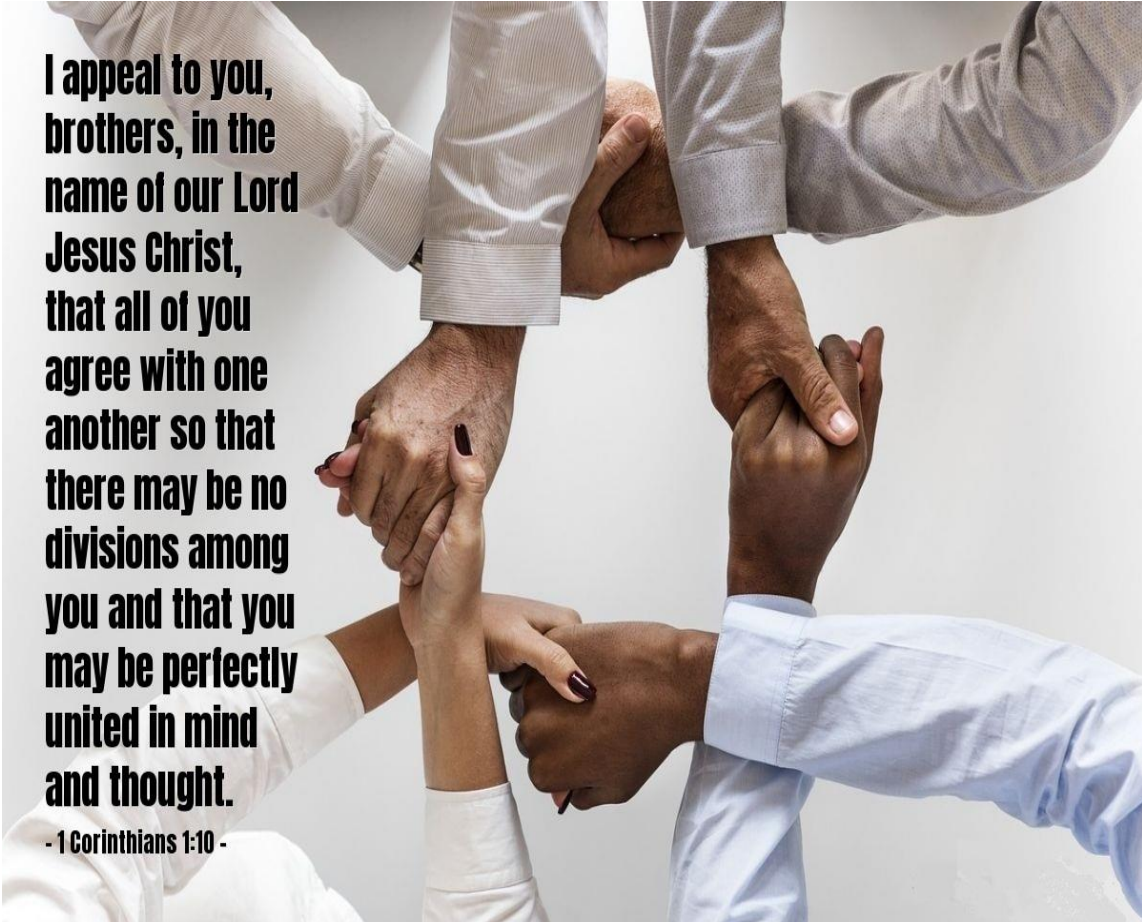
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**I appeal to you,
brothers, in the
name of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
that all of you
agree with one
another so that
there may be no
divisions among
you and that you
may be perfectly
united in mind
and thought.**

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 -

ST. PAUL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH & PRESCHOOL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

Welcome to St. Paul!

We're glad you're here! Whether this is your first visit or you're a St. Paul veteran, we hope you sense our "welcome mat" is out and you'll consider joining us again soon any Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM, right here. Please fill out a white "Communication Card" found in front of you in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate later. And about the offering ... don't feel obligated to participate in giving because we – and God – are really glad you are here as our guest!

Ushers are standing by to assist you in locating a seat, directing you to restrooms, coat racks, and to our nursery.

Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under. An usher will be happy to direct you to our Nursery where parents may care for infants, and rambunctious toddlers will find a place to be ... themselves.

Worshippers who wish to receive Holy Communion are encourage to thoroughly read the announcement in this bulletin explaining what Communion reception is all about.

IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY "Killing It!" is a phrase that means having career success, immense popularity, good looks, and a comfortable living. "Killing It!" is success as our world defines success. An ancient church fell victim to favoritism that ripped apart their unity. Today God's Word will teach us a different way to relate to others, not a "Killing It" way, but His way.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Heavenly Father, You have committed to us the care and nurture of children and adults. I ask that You give Your wisdom to those who teach, and that those who come to learn may have an earnest desire to discover new truths to serve as the foundation of their lives. Guide us, that we may work together, that we may all grow in the knowledge of God and the love of Jesus. I pray in the name of Jesus, the greatest teacher of all. Amen.

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK ~ We join Lutheran Christians across our nation in celebrating National Lutheran Schools Week, January 21 – 27, 2024. God has given to us the privilege to connect lives with Christ's love. We each have the wonderful opportunity in our daily lives to influence the young, the elderly, and everyone in between to rely on Jesus' love for forgiveness, renewal, and eternal heaven. St. Paul's Preschool is a ministry which for decades has striven to connect lives to Christ. This week, across our country, in more than 2000 Lutheran schools, we thank God for how God has blessed our school ministries.

Join Us This Week for Preschool Chapel! Hear the children sing – with loads of enthusiasm! Pastor Paul shares a brief message with the kids. It's only 15 minutes long. Wednesday, January 24th @ 11:15AM with 4-5 yr. old class. Repeated Thursday, January 25th @ 11:15AM with 3 yr. old class.

Altar Flowers given to the glory of God by the Bloom Family in celebration of Judy's birthday, January 20th

An INVITATION from St. Paul's new Director of Music Ministries!

"Greetings to the People of St. Paul. My name is Owen Reyda, a student at Oberlin Conservatory studying organ, and I am happy that I will be the new Music Director starting in February. I would like to reincorporate a church choir to sing at the traditional 8:30 am service, and a hand bell choir to play at various services throughout the year. Responsibilities of participating in one or both choirs would likely include a weekly rehearsal in the evening, and a brief vocal warm up before the worship service for the church choir. Don't worry - it will not be a stressful commitment, just an opportunity to make music and have some fun. All are welcome to join these choirs, including youth, and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to speak with me in person, reach me through cell phone (716-224-2681), or email (oreyda@oberlin.edu). No audition is required. I will try to find a date and time that works for everyone participating to hold rehearsals, and the first rehearsal will likely be during the week of Feb. 5th through 9th. Thank you!"



JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY The book of Genesis is the foundational book for understanding all of the Bible, and even why the world is at it is. This week we examine what God teaches us about the creation of people, and marriage. Join us this Tuesday @ 10am for growth, friendship, understanding, and yummy cookies. All are invited!

St. Paul's Community Care Team is collecting NEW GLOVES, SCARVES, AND HATS to be distributed by Amherst Schools to students and families in need. Donations are accepted today and next Sunday. Preferred colors are Amherst colors: Green, Yellow, White, or Black, in Youth and Adult sizes. Please leave donations in the box in the Narthex.

NEXT SATURDAY

A Free Seminar for St. Paul Members and Guests
Saturday, January 27, 2004 ~ 11:00AM to 12NOON
Presented by Jeff Allison of HealthMarkets Insurance Agency

**MEDICARE
101**

This is a Free Informational seminar on Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. No plans or services will be sold. No Pressure. Come to find out more about Medicare and what works best for your needs. Invite friends.

We Have a WINNER! A New Neighbor who moved into Cindy Klein's neighborhood has won a beautiful gift basket with Christ-themed decorations, snack foods, community information, and an invitation to make St. Paul their new "church home." All you have to do to win the basket for your new neighbor is fill out the form by the gift basket and stuff it in the box in the narthex. You will get to meet a new neighbor without having to bake a pie.

Voters' Assembly

Sunday, February 11, 2024, 9:30 AM

St. Paul's annual Voters' Assembly Meeting will be Sunday, February 11th at 9:30 AM. The meeting will feature reports on God's blessings in the past year 2023, updates on all ministries, finances, buildings and grounds, audit reports, election of some officers, and policy changes. Please participate in the "family business" of your church family.



Prayer Requests this Week: ***"The Lord is Near to all who Call on HIM."*** Psalm 148:18

- Pray for Don Lamoreaux who is home recuperating.
- Continue to pray for Coralie Swanzer who broke several ribs in a fall. She is now out of the hospital and adjusting to moving in with her son and family.
- Pray for Tim Ross, Sheryl Gregg's brother in hospice care.
- Please pray for healing in Edna Klenz's lungs.
- Pray for Elija to receive a kidney for transplant.
- Please pray for Gerri Deidrick who is in the middle of chemotherapy to follow-up on a surgery which removed colon cancer; Lori Gingrich, sister of Lynn Jiovanazzo and Terri Gerber, as she goes through chemotherapy; Brian Harcula as he has cancer; Paxton Roby with cancer; Priscilla Harden's sister in California who has cancer; Pat who has a brain tumor; Heather, a young mother of 3, who has cancer; Sherry (Kevin Starbuck's mother-in-law); Chris (sister-in-law of Virginia Warnock); and pray for Pat Kidder.
- Pray for Sandy Long's great niece, Emmah, who is having surgery on her leg and she's in a lot of pain.
- Pray for those who have on-going chronic illnesses or shut-in: Charles Waryu, Don Lamoreaux and Don Gramer, Ruth Murdy, Jack & Marilyn Green, Dorothy Barckert, Dale Mack, Phyllis Darakis, Will & Lydia Rice, John Harden, Andy Lasko.
- Pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: Jack Green, David Staylon, John Brabander, Roger Aschenbach

Protecting St. Paul ~ Christian churches, schools, and organizations in the U.S. have suffered from those who have filed lawsuits against them claiming discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity. At St. Paul we must continue to hold to God's teachings in the Bible on these matters, even though our beliefs may be objectionable to some people, unpopular, and for public institutions our beliefs may be illegal. Our parent church body, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, has partnered with the Alliance Defending Freedom to advise congregations like St. Paul on S.O.G.I. (Sexual Orientation / Gender Identity) policies. Our congregation's Board of Directors has spent several months studying these issues and they have come up with a very practical approach. The first recommendation of St. Paul's Board of Directors is that we adopt a very clear statement explaining the Bible's teachings on marriage and family. This statement is to be included into St. Paul's Employee Handbook. The second step St. Paul's Board of Directors has taken is to revise the church's application for people and community organizations to use church facilities. These two documents are available today for you to examine prior to the February 11th Voters' Assembly meeting, where your Board of Directors is asking the Voters' Assembly to approve and adopt them. Copies are in the narthex (lobby) on the table at the entrance to the worship sanctuary.

This Week For The Lord	Looking Ahead One Week
1/21 Holy Communion 8:30 AM Worship / Kids Church 10 AM 1/24 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM	1/28 Fellowship Sunday – Holy Communion 10 AM Chili / Soup Cook Off & Pie Baking Contest 11 AM 1/29 Preschool Board Meeting 1/30 Seasoned Saints 10 AM Women's Ministry 7 PM

Serving in God's House:

Pastor	Rev. Paul Werner
Organist	James Feddeck
Elders	John Kirschner (E) Ron Fisher (L)
Readers	Christine Krupp (E) Bob Steindl (L)
Greeters	Jeff & Sandy Binggeli (E) Ed & Gerri Deidrick (L)
Altar Guild	Fran Draga, Debbie Smith
Head Usher	Ron Fisher
Ushers	Dan Streza, Chuck Draga, Danny Kemery (E) Brad Draga (L)